LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

September 19, 2024– 5:00 p.m.
Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street
Omaha, NE

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Notice and Compliance with Open Meetings Act
3. Presentation of the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties
4. Public Comment on the Presented Budget
5. Next Council Meeting – September 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE
6. Adjournment

UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

LC Public Hearing	September 19, 2024, 5:15 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE
LC Coordinating Council -	September 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE
Subcouncil #1 -	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #2 -	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #3 -	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #4 -	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #5 -	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #6 -	To Be Determined

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Gerald M. Kuhn, II

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MISSION

Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.

VISION

That all children within the Learning Community achieve academic success without regard to social or economic circumstance.

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September 19, 2024

As we look toward the future of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County, we find ourselves in a position of responsibility and opportunity. With a current surplus of $23 million, a comprehensive plan is designed to ensure that this surplus is utilized effectively while enhancing and sustaining our programs over the coming years.

The Learning Community serves a diverse population and is committed to maintaining high-quality educational programs that meet the needs of our communities. In alignment with this mission, we have identified several current and new initiatives that will enable us to invest our surplus wisely and strategically. Our goal is to gradually reduce this surplus to a more manageable figure by 2028, allowing us to reallocate resources toward enhancing educational opportunities for our students and families.

Our plan includes the introduction and expansion of innovative programs that address the varying needs of our community, foster student engagement, and promote academic success. These investments will require a careful and considered approach to spending, ensuring that we not only meet immediate needs but also build a sustainable framework for future growth.

To support our quality programs and address the anticipated budgetary requirements, the Learning Community will need to implement an incremental and responsible levy increase starting in 2026. This approach will allow us to generate the necessary revenue to sustain our initiatives while maintaining transparency and accountability to our stakeholders. We are committed to engaging with the community to discuss these changes and to illustrate how these investments will benefit our local schools and families.

The plan is not merely about addressing the current surplus; it is about building a resilient and proactive organization that is equipped to face the challenges ahead. By focusing on both expenditure and creative revenue strategies, we aim to create a budget that reflects our commitment to excellence in education.

As we move forward, we will continue to monitor our financial health closely and adjust as necessary to ensure that we remain on track to achieve our goals. Together, we can ensure that the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County maintains and elevates the quality of education our children deserve.

Thank you,

Gerald M. Kuhn II

	Spend at Max Budget	Spend at percentage of budget	Spend at percentage of budget with max revenue
Year End Balance	$ 25,972,041.00	$ 25,972,041.00	$ 25,972,041.00
Capitol Projects	$ 1,202,440.00	$ 1,202,440.00	$ 1,202,440.00
Current ELC	$ 12,098,077.00	$ 12,098,077.00	$ 12,098,077.00
General Funds	$ 470,000.00	$ 470,000.00	$ 470,000.00
Interest	$ 350,000.00	$ 350,000.00	$ 350,000.00
Income (Rent)			
Total Revenue	$ 14,120,517.00	$ 14,120,517.00	$ 14,120,517.00
Available Cash 2025	$ 40,092,558.00	$ 40,092,558.00	$ 40,092,558.00
Total 2025 Budget	$ 20,771,595.17	$ 20,771,595.17	$ 20,771,595.17
2025 Next Year End Number (Assuming spend all budget)	$ 19,320,962.83	$ 19,320,962.83	$ 19,320,962.83
Realistic spend 2025	$ 16,339,019.90	$ 16,339,019.90	$ 16,339,019.90
Realistic Year End 2025	$ 23,753,538.10	$ 23,753,538.10	$ 23,753,538.10

				Spend Percentage
2026 Budget/Spend	$ 21,735,776.17	$ 18,475,409.75	$ 18,475,409.75	85%
2026 End	$ 16,138,278.93	$ 19,398,645.36	$ 22,385,328.07	
2027 Budget/Spend	$ 22,291,001.73	$ 18,947,351.47	$ 18,947,351.47	85%
2027 End	$ 7,967,794.20	$ 14,571,810.89	$ 21,073,156.87	
2028 Budget/Spend	$ 22,569,982.88	$ 19,184,485.45	$ 19,184,485.45	85%
2028 End	$ (481,671.67)	$ 9,507,842.44	$ 20,070,311.57	

	ELC Max Revenue
2026	$ 15,084,759.71
2027	$ 15,612,740.27
2028	$ 16,159,200.14

Business Type	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Year End Expense
Rent	**$874,000.00**	**$874,000.00**	**$890,317.97**
North Center	*$632,000.00*	*$632,000.00*	*$647,218.00*
South Center	*$242,000.00*	*$242,000.00*	*$243,099.97*
Research and Evaluation	**$ 767,000.00**	**$767,000.00**	**$685,940.42**
ELC Total			
Parents U	**$2,170,227.52**	**$1,585,324.00**	**$1,098,063.21**
Existing Wages	*$1,141,323.56*	*$1,009,722.00*	*$624,499.87*
Existing Benefits	*$373,789.80*	*$375,481.00*	*$278,885.09*
Existing Other (Programing/Tech/Etc)	*$212,000.00*	*$200,121.00*	*$194,678.25*
New Employee Wages	*$310,000.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
New Employee Benefits	*$103,114.16*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
New Employee Other	*$30,000.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Existing Projects	**$9,866,142.00**	**$8,247,570.00**	**$5,923,380.29**
ELC Programs (Districts 1.0 & IEC)	*$2,916,560.00*	*$2,218,971.00*	*$1,143,033.63*
Superintendent Plan (BECI)	*$3,766,001.00*	*$3,460,000.00*	*$2,287,405.66*
South Office (One World)	*$3,183,581.00*	*$2,568,599.00*	*$2,492,941.00*
New Projects	**$5,345,655.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Districts 2.0	*$2,719,903.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Avenue Scholars	*$911,000.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Whispering Roots	*$114,290.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
D2 Center	*$249,758.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Early Childhood Partnership (Intensive Early Childhood Partnership w/ OPS)	*$1,150,704.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Future Projects	*$200,000.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
Central Admin	**$1,690,070.65**	**$1,521,568.24**	**$1,325,586.96**
Salaries	*$716,348.56*	*$709,256.00*	*$587,879.00*
Benefits	*$238,782.85*	*$145,373.00*	*$125,878.00*
Other (total of amounts below)	*$734,939.24*	*$666,939.24*	*$611,829.96*
Community Relations (Advertising)	*$150,000.00*	*$162,000.00*	*$141,583.70*
Legal	*$80,000.00*	*$80,000.00*	*$68,117.14*
Insurance	*$90,000.00*	*$85,000.00*	*$88,220.66*
Lobbying	*$33,000.00*	*$33,000.00*	*$30,771.46*
Other	*$238,939.24*	*$238,939.24*	*$209,759.00*
Technology (computers, website,IT)	*$40,000.00*	*$36,000.00*	*$46,000.00*
North Office Furniture	*$43,000.00*		
New Accounting/HR Software	*$40,000.00*	*$20,000.00*	*$19,000.00*
Travel/Conference	*$20,000.00*	*$12,000.00*	*$8,378.00*
LCC	**$58,500.00**	**$28,200.00**	**$59,105.54**
Travel/Conferences/Mileage	*$10,000.00*	*$5,000.00*	*$6,549.72*
Daily Record/Advertising	*$2,000.00*	*$1,400.00*	*$2,223.12*
Contracted Services	*$35,000.00*	*$11,000.00*	*$34,788.28*
Misc	*$11,500.00*	*$10,800.00*	*$15,544.42*
Total	***$20,771,595.17***	***$13,023,662.24***	***$9,982,394.39***

County		**Valuation 2022**		Growth			Average	
Douglas		57,603,784,625		8.53%	2025 over 2024		8.69%	5 yrs
Sarpy		21,669,747,030		12.84%	2024 over 2023		9.04%	4 yrs
Washington		62,623,130		8.62%	2023 over 2022		10.00%	3 yrs
		79,336,154,785						

County		**Valuation 2023**
Douglas		64,630,088,410
Sarpy		24,824,608,227
Washington		72,049,260
		89,526,745,897

County		**Valuation 2024**
Douglas		69,460,371,890
Sarpy		27,630,624,305
Washington		75,887,624
		97,166,883,819

2024 Year End Balance	$ 26,583,613.00

Capitol Projects	$ 1,202,440.00
Current ELC	$ 12,098,077.00
General Funds	$ 470,000.00
Interest	$ 350,000.00
Income (Rent)	
Total Revenue	$ 14,120,517.00

LEARNING COMMUNITY LEVY LIMIT FORM

Learning Community #00-9000

NOTE: This Schedule is not provided for levy setting purposes.

Line No.		District Property Tax Request (Column A)	District Assessed Valuation (Column B)	Levy Subject to Limitation [(Column A / Column B) x 100] (Column C)
1				
2				
3	**General Fund**	-	89,526,745,897.00	-
4	**Capital Projects**	1,119,090.90	89,526,745,897.00	0.001250
5	**Elementary Learning Center**	11,259,379.69	89,526,745,897.00	0.012577
6	**Total Levy Subject to Limitation** (Total of Lines 1 through 4)			0.013827

Capital Projects Fund		
Levy rate	0.00125	0.001
Tax receipts for forecast	$ 1,202,440.19	$ 961,952.15

ELC Fund	
Levy rate	0.012577
Tax receipts for forecast	$ 12,098,077.18

$ 13,300,517.37

		$ 20,771,595.17	Budget
		$ 874,000.00	
	ELC	$ 12,098,077.00	
		$ 470,000.00	
		$ 350,000.00	
	Reserves	$ 6,979,518.17	
		$ 18,660,595.17	

Business Type	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget
Rent	**$ 874,000.00**	**$ 874,000.00**	**$ 874,000.00**
North Center	*$ 632,000.00*	*$ 632,000.00*	*$ 632,000.00*
South Center	*$ 242,000.00*	*$ 242,000.00*	*$ 242,000.00*
Research and Evaluation	**$ 767,000.00**	**$ 767,000.00**	**$ 767,000.00**

ELC Total

Parents U	**$2,145,227.52**	**$2,203,074.35**	**$2,262,656.58**
Existing Wages	*$1,141,323.56*	*$1,175,563.27*	*$1,210,830.16*
Existing Benefits	*$373,789.80*	*$385,003.49*	*$396,553.60*
Existing Other (Programing/Tech/Etc)	*$212,000.00*	*$212,000.00*	*$212,000.00*
New Employee Wages	*$310,000.00*	*$319,300.00*	*$328,879.00*
New Employee Benefits	*$103,114.16*	*$106,207.58*	*$109,393.81*
New Employee Other	*$5,000.00*	*$5,000.00*	*$5,000.00*
Existing Projects	**$10,395,064.00**	**$10,480,741.00**	**$10,584,387.00**
ELC Programs (Districts 1.0 & IEC)	*$3,097,834.00*	*$3,097,834.00*	*$3,097,834.00*
Superintendent Plan (BECI)	*$3,766,001.00*	*$3,766,001.00*	*$3,766,001.00*
South Office (One World)	*$3,531,229.00*	*$3,616,906.00*	*$3,720,552.00*
New Projects	***$5,848,914.00***	***$6,211,033.00***	***$6,276,033.00***
Districts 2.0	*$2,719,903.00*	*$2,719,903.00*	*$2,719,903.00*
Avenue Scholars	*$1,374,111.00*	*$1,639,111.00*	*$1,639,111.00*
Whispering Roots	*$114,290.00*	*$114,290.00*	*$114,290.00*
D2 Center	*$314,758.00*	*$379,758.00*	*$444,758.00*
Early Childhood Partnership (Intensive Early Childhood Partnership w/ OPS)	*$1,125,852.00*	*$1,157,971.00*	*$1,157,971.00*
Future Projects	*$200,000.00*	*$200,000.00*	*$200,000.00*
Central Admin	***$1,647,070.65***	***$1,694,503.38***	***$1,742,891.30***
Salaries	*$716,348.56*	*$737,839.02*	*$759,974.19*
Benefits	*$238,782.85*	*$245,946.34*	*$253,324.73*
Other	*$691,939.24*	*$710,718.02*	*$729,592.39*
Community Relations (Advertising)	$150,000.00	$150,000.00	$150,000.00
Legal	$80,000.00	$85,000.00	$90,000.00
Insurance	$90,000.00	$95,000.00	$100,000.00
Lobbying	$33,000.00	$33,000.00	$33,000.00
Other	$238,939.24	$243,718.02	$248,592.39
Technology (computers, website, IT)	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	$40,000.00
New Accounting/HR Software	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	$40,000.00
Travel/Conference	$20,000.00	$24,000.00	$28,000.00
LCC	***$58,500.00***	***$60,650.00***	***$63,015.00***
Travel/Conferences/Mileage	*$10,000.00*	*$11,000.00*	*$12,100.00*
Daily Record / Advertising	*$2,000.00*	*$2,000.00*	*$2,000.00*
Contracted Services	*$35,000.00*	*$35,000.00*	*$35,000.00*
Misc	*$11,500.00*	*$12,650.00*	*$13,915.00*
Total	***$21,735,776.17***	***$22,291,001.73***	***$22,569,982.88***